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TO: AIAM Technical Committee

FROM: Gregory J. Dana
Vice President and Technical Director

RE: **GLOBAL CLIMATE COALITION (GCC) - Request for
AIAM Contribution to the Special Projects Fund**

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated September 11, 1996 from the GCC asking AIAM to consider a contribution to the GCC Special Projects Fund. This fund is being used to fund studies to counter the new policy of the Clinton administration supporting a worldwide cap on greenhouse gas emissions. Please let me know by September 26, 1996 if your company supports a request to tap the AIAM Strategic Response Fund for \$5,000 to contribute to the GCC Special Projects Fund.

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GLOBAL CLIMATE COALITION

September 11, 1996

Mr. Greg Dana
Association of International Auto Manufacturers
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Dear Greg:

I am writing to urge you to contribute to the Special Projects Fund because a great deal of work remains to be done between now and the end of the year. Undersecretary of State Timothy Wirth's commitment to legally binding mid-term emission targets (2010?), which he confirmed means a cap on emissions and a cap on energy use makes it imperative that GCC increase the scope of its activities.

In addition to legally binding targets, the Administration supported an international emissions trading scheme which Undersecretary Wirth indicated would have to involve a worldwide cap on emissions. Furthermore, the Administration has begun a series of "Town Hall" meetings across the country to "educate" the public on the climate change issue - an Administration initiative to which we have to respond.

The Special Projects Fund was established to provide the resources for responding quickly to the new issues raised by the Clinton Administration's new policy. Contributions made so far this year to the Special Projects Fund have been used to fund studies highlighting: 1) the economic impacts on the US and other countries of an AOSIS -type protocol; 2) voluntary initiatives undertaken to date by US industry to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the success of those programs; and 3) the "timing" issue, i.e. that there is a 20-30 year time frame to implement new, more energy efficient technologies before adopting any binding emissions reductions measures that can be scientifically justified. These contributions have also allowed the GCC to retain a consultant to track and report on activities of the IPCC. Last year, GCC members contributed \$140,500 to the Special Projects Fund. The budget for this year's fund was set at \$145,00, but so far the GCC has only received \$91,500 and all but \$8,900 has been spent.

Clearly, more needs to be done to meet your expectations. If we don't act collectively either important work will not get done or individual members will take on tasks at a higher cost. Cost sharing is in everyone's interest. I hope your organization will contribute to the Special Projects Fund so that the GCC can continue its work to ensure that climate change policy is developed in a rational, balanced manner.

Sincerely,

William F. O'Keefe
Chairman of the Board